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Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I know the special reasons for borrowing the services of Mr. Padmagirisa Ayyar from Government when several other qualified Brahmans were available from outside Government service for appointment as Commissioner of the Endowments Board?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The Government thought that the candidate selected by the Committee was too old and as it would take a considerable time to call for further recommendations or appoint a fresh committee, in the interests of the Board they appointed an official."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Is it not a fact that the Religious Endowments Board is not financially in a sound position and if so, what are the special reasons for appointing this officer at a cost of about Rs. 200 more than the maximum fixed for the pay of a Commissioner?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The special reasons are that he was a Government official and when a Government official is lent on foreign service he should be given a special pay."

Sanitary Engineering

Obligation on the part of municipalities to consult the Sanitary Engineer to Government in making appointments in the Works Department.

*251 *Q.*—Mr. P. RATNAVELU THEVAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that no person could be appointed to a post with a maximum salary of not less than Rs. 50 in the Public Works Department of a municipality except in consultation with the Sanitary Engineer to the Government?

A.—Yes.

Improvements to the water-works of the Coonoor Municipality.

*252 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Coonoor Municipality has applied for a loan of two lakhs of rupees to improve its water-supply;

(*b*) whether the site for locating the water storage tank has been decided by the Council and whether it has been approved by the Sanitary Engineer;

(*c*) what the present storage capacity is of the two water tanks of this Municipality and what will be the storage capacity of the proposed one and whether the water-supply will be enough to meet the demand in view of the restricted supply during the season months this year; and

(*d*) whether the municipal council proposes to carry out the works departmentally or by contractors inviting tenders?